Tihar is proportionately higher as compared to other categories of prisoners and undertrials, there is a need to increase the overall capacity of the Jail.

Statement

Parliamentary Delegation which visited Tihar Jail

1. Shri M. Ribello
2. Prof. A.K. Premajan
3. Dr. N. Saroja, M.P.
4. Dr. M. Vijayankura
5. Mrs. Sheela Gulani
6. Dr. A.D. K. Jayasela
7. Mrs. P.D. Elengovan, M.P.
8. Mr. Gahlot
9. Mr. S.G. Jhohar
10. Mrs. Veena Sharma
11. Mrs. Rashmi Chaudhari
12. Mrs. H.R. Karbaj
13. Shri S.C. Gulati
14. Shri Anil Kumar
15. Shri S.M. Verma
16. Shri D. Nagappa

Unified command for para-military forces

1784. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's for main para-military forces are to be brought under a unified command over the next five years so that while retaining their individuality, they function more homogenously in combating insurgency and border security;

(b) if so, the number of new battalions likely to be raised; and

(c) the quntum of extra funds, required for the purpose in the first year of its existence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (e) Do not arise.

Beating of drums and use of micro-phones at religious gatherings

1785. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI C. O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps Government have taken to stop the beating of durms or use of micro-phones at religious gatherings and prayer meetings in view of Supreme Court's ruling in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): The Supreme Court in their order dated 30.8.2000 have upheld the standards of noise pollution notified by the nodal Ministry i.e. Ministry of Environment and Forests under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 on 14th February, 2000. The provisions of this Notification are required to be enforced by the designated officers of the Central as well as State Governments including the District Administraton.

As per the Constitutional provisions, Public Order and Police are State subjects, hence, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to maintain Law and Order including enforcement of these provisions. The attention of the nodal Ministry has also been drawn for effective implementation.

Central assistance to check crimes

†1786. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of heinous crimes like murder, rape, decoity, loot etc. in various States of the country during the last three years and during the current year upto 30th October, 2000, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) when and which type of assistance is provided by the Central Government to the States to contain crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) The information received from the National Crime Records Bureau is given in Annexure [*See* Appendix 191, Annexure No. 22].

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.